



Get your Child's Eyes Checked: Vision Screening is a New Requirement for Children Entering Kindergarten

Children Need to See Well to Learn Well

Early detection of vision problems helps children learn better in school. All children entering kindergarten in September 2006 are required by state law to have a vision screening before the start of the school year.

A child's vision can be screened by his or her doctor during a regular health check up or by his or her eye doctor.

If a child fails the vision screening done by his or her doctor, or if a child has a neurodevelopmental delay, he or she must have a comprehensive eye exam done by an eye doctor (ophthalmologist or optometrist).

If a child has a full eye exam, the eye doctor must give the parent or guardian a written report of the results of the eye exam and also send the results to both the child's school and the child's regular doctor.

School Health Entry Requirements for Children Entering Kindergarten

When you register your child for kindergarten, you will be asked to submit a School Physical Form that proves that your child has had a physical exam in the last 12 months and meets all of the following school entry requirements:

Immunizations - Lead Screening - Vision Screening

The School Physical Form is available by calling the Family Health Information Line at 1-800-942-7434 or online at www.health.ri.gov/topics/schoolphysicalform.php

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